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Our roving reporter, Paul Norman, is having a quiet time - much to his disgust - as he has been 'hog-tied' having had a stint of about six days, and then another two shorter stints in the Alfred Hospital, with the best views of any from the hospital. He seems to be doing well and a short time ago, phoned me to say he is keen to get back to the mountains where there is pleasant and most interesting activity. Some people are never satisfied!

I would almost bet that most of the doctors and nurses at the hospital now believe there are such things as UFOs. Paul is certainly a good spruiker for the UFO fraternity! 'Tis a pity "they" (the UFO entities), don't pay his medical and hospital bills! He certainly is making waves among the medical staff at the hospital! He also had the good fortune to have an American Royal District Nursing Service lady nurse tend him while at home.

Our very busy and interested UFO spotter Jacqui Purtell is apparently going to be otherwise engaged for some time, on the serious business of supervising the building of a house, and may not be able to attend the area so regularly, although she did manage to send us an interesting short item for this publication, "News From The Grampians" - thank you Jacqui. The segment about the results from her new electronic UFO and bug detection equipment was particularly enlightening. We have been informed we do have a volunteer near the area, who may stand in for Paul.

The UFO fraternity was waiting patiently for some news on the UFO investigation front in the US. There was supposed to be a pre-recorded interview with Dr John Mack, but it looks like some two legged 'worms' got in first and it was not shown on a US, ABC, Peter Jennings, documentary. This is not an uncommon occurrence. In the past, it was only the UFO 'nuts' who received the harsh criticism and treatment from 'educated' critics. It was John's last-ever interview before his death, and the only interview he'd granted for a major program in many years.

While renewing his VUFORS membership, one of our long term members from Ararat, Victoria included a very kind letter, which said about our Bulletin, "I enjoy reading these magazines and this December one is particularly good." Thank you - much appreciated.

Here's an interesting thought. Could you imagine floating in a light-weight boat in a sea of liquid methane on the surface of one of the moons of Jupiter, Titan, which has a surface temperature of about -270 F? If you were to drop a cabbage leaf, or a rubber ball from a reasonable distance onto a hard surface under these circumstances, there would be many hard fragments to clean up. If you found this thought interesting, I'm sure you will find the article "Rainbows On Titan" from Science@NASA interesting.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

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I am most apologetic for not being able to fully contribute to my "On The UFO Trail" for this edition of the Bulletin. Unfortunately, I have been confined to hospital on several occasions with a potentially life-threatening condition, which at times required urgent medical attention.

If my recovery proceeds as well as I am lead to believe it should, by the time the next edition of the Bulletin is due, I expect to have returned from this unfortunate medical sidetrack to again be well and truly back on the UFO trail.

A long time member of VUFORS, who is also a private pilot with many years of flying experience, and who lives in the vicinity of The Grampians UFO observation region, has volunteered to assist Jacqui Purtell with her observations and recording of UFO activity, in my absence.

I thank him very much for his kind offer of help, and feel certain that his aviation knowledge will prove most beneficial. His interest and involvement in this activity is much appreciated.

Since our VUFORS office was opened at Moorabbin airport, we have received many more reports and much more co-operation from pilots than I could have ever imagined would have occurred, far exceeding contributions in the previous half century.

While a number of pilots have confidentially informed me of the outcomes of their visits

to the mountains in The Grampians, they have indicated that they were not prepared to disclose this information more publicly, for fear of ridicule.

One of them was a commercial pilot who had observed UFO activity while flying north of mountains in The Grampians. I have tried without success to get him to make a confidential written report to NARCAP, the National Aviation Reporting Centre on Anomalous Phenomena (www.narcap.org) where numerous confidential reports by international military and commercial pilots have been received.

A group making a new documentary about the Valentich encounter, contacted me in relation to this matter. While I believe that the project has been completed, I have not yet seen the final product.

The group making the documentary filmed the Valentich Plaque at the Apollo Bay Lighthouse, and the Moorabbin airport where our VUFORS office with our public display is available for viewing. They also produced a simulation of the Valentich encounter.

I suppose this was to be a money-making project for the film industry. We do the work and 'they' get the kudos. It is known that VUFORS did the major investigation of this encounter. I have lectured about the Valentich case in various locations around the world, and at times have received reports that this information has been seen with the names of others attached.

A freelance TV journalist recently contacted me and said that the VUFORS web site information was what had convinced him that the Valentich case was real, and that he also wanted to produce a documentary. Production is scheduled to commence in early May if it proceeds.

I have been informed that because of the government's orange security alert, Moorabbin Airport staff will be issued with IDs, and members visiting secure airport regions will require an escort permit, and will have to be escorted at all times. The VUFORS office is located in one such security region.

Objects Hovering Over Southland

By Lauren FitzPatrick

Daily Southtown Economist, Chicago, IL - Nov. 01, 2004

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Police field nearly 200 calls from concerned residents who saw three red lights in the sky.

Is it a UFO? Hundreds of Southlanders asked that question Sunday night after three red lights appeared in the dark, overcast sky. And literally speaking, the answer is yes, as three flying objects yet to be identified were spotted floating east high over Tinley Park and beyond.

So maybe this phenomenon has a perfectly rational and earthly explanation. "They were an unusual colour of light for an aircraft," said Tim Janecyk of the 7400 block of 63rd Place, who grabbed his video camera to film the lights from his yard. "It was very reddish orange, almost like a neon."

Janecyk has been a privately operating small-aircraft pilot since 1989 and keeps an eye on the sky. He called Tinley Park police to see what was going on. Dispatchers said they had received upwards of 100 calls - closer to 200 - since about 07:30 p.m.

Tinley Park Sgt. T.J. Grady said the mild weather had lured many people into sitting outdoors to greet the neighbourhood children who were out trick-or-treating. He went outside to see for himself what callers were reporting. "They sit in the sky for a while and barely move," Grady said.

A trio of intense, steady red lights seemed to hover high in the sky after 08:00 p.m., hardly making any noise. They moved slowly east. Then at 09:30 p.m., a single light appeared again in the same southwest part of the sky before it disappeared, possibly into the night's thick cloud cover.

An area Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said nothing unusual appeared on the radar screen at the FAA's centre in Aurora. "There's nothing that they've seen on the radar," Tony Molinaro said.

Crop Circle Not A Prank Group Says

By Rosemary Parker

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Lawton - They aren't saying what made hundreds of cornstalks in John Polomcak's field layover in one direction, in the shape of a circle joined by a square.

But it wasn't caused by human pranksters, volunteer researchers have concluded.

Investigators "do not believe, based on their field work, that the Lawton formation was mechanically made by people," said Jeffrey Wilson, director of the Independent Crop Circle Researchers' Association, a group of enthusiasts who study crop circles, which are unexplained patterns in fields.

He said that statistically verified tests showed the flattened plants - which form a circle 32 feet in diameter and a square about five rows wide and 12 feet long - had "elongated growth nodes compared to the 'normal' standing plants that were in the same field. That kind of change is unhoaxable."

Wilson, who has a master's degree in general science, said it may be Christmas before the group's tests of the field's soils and seed germination are completed.

The group is stretched thin visiting other crop circles that have been reported this summer, some as far away as Texas.

Wilson said he has collected reports of crop circles in the United States from as far back as the 1800s. Of the 250 or so that have been reported since the 1990s, about one in five clearly have been hoaxes created by pranksters, he said; another fifth, like the Lawton formation, the group believes were not created mechanically by human activity. The rest, he said, are inconclusive.

Last year the team made a similar conclusion about a formation in a Howell-area cornfield. The next day, a local radio station's morning show hosts claimed responsibility; both stories were reported in Detroit papers. The station later retracted its claim, staff there confirmed, and Wilson's group stands by its judgment on that crop circle.

Wilson said his group does not speculate as to the possible cause of the pattern.

"There are half a dozen hypotheses out there and we hesitate to speculate further. None has enough evidence to favour one over the other," Wilson said.

"We acknowledge people can attempt to approximate a crop circle," he said. "We are saying we now have the capability of telling the difference between the two. It is not just

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our opinion, it is our analysis. We have statistical data."

Jane Polomcak, wife of 71 year old John Polomcak who rents the land for farming, said she is happy to have Wilson's opinion. Since the formation was discovered in August at the intersection of 72nd Avenue and County Road 358, it has drawn a steady stream of visitors, curious about the odd pattern in an otherwise healthy stand of corn.

"Every time I'd go by; two or three cars would be stopped there," Jane Polomcak said. "We have so many people asking us" about it.

She initially thought the crop circle was created by vandals with snowshoes. But when she tested that theory, it didn't work because the corn stalks "break off," she said.

Though she was once a sceptic herself, Jane Polomcak admits to getting a bit irked when neighbours tease that the couple must have had a hand in creating the formation. "We milk 150 cows," she said. "Who has time to

go out there and gently lay corn over?" She's heard from "a lot of people from Marcellus who called me and said they had seen strange lights in the Marcellus area (and) they had called police" on Aug. 7 or 8, about the time the corn was damaged, she said. "They said it was large beams coming down."

Neither the Cass County Sheriff's Department nor Marcellus Township has a record of such calls.

The crop circle hasn't been visible for several weeks, ever since a young woman from the area drove through the field with her truck and "did donuts," Jane Polomcak said.

"She told one neighbour she thought one of the aliens got her pregnant," Polomcak said, adding the young woman "has had her problems for a long time."

Polomcak sighed about the demise of the crop circle.

"I wished it wouldn't have been ruined," she said.

Rainbows On Titan Science@NASA

February 25, 2005 - the European Space Agency's Huygens probe visited Saturn's moon Titan last month, where it parachuted through clouds then photographed river channels, and beaches, finally landing in liquid methane based mud, on the -270° F surface.

Christian Huygens, the Dutch astronomer who discovered Titan in 1655, wouldn't have been surprised that non-water liquid was found

there. Professor Jonathan Lunine, from the University of Arizona, a member of the Huygens mission science team said, "the amount of vapor in the atmosphere is many times that in Earth's atmosphere, so you could get very intense showers."

"The ingredients you need for a rainbow are sunlight and raindrops. Titan has both," said atmospheric optics expert Les Cowley.

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Adelaide, South Australia - January 22, 1958 *Australian Saucer Record* (Australian Flying Saucer Research Society). Sputnik II observers twice reported to the Adelaide Advertiser a strange object in the sky. The first reports came minutes before the satellite passed over and the second about fifteen minutes later. The reports stated that the object appeared in the western sky as a bright red ball travelling fast in an easterly direction before swinging to the north and disappearing.

The object was about the same size as Sirius and as bright but red with a sort of halo. It had no fiery tail like a meteor and did not follow the same trajectory but turned and disappeared with a fuzzy reddish glow.

Nantucket Island, Massachusetts - October 7, 1958 *NICAP Bulletin* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). Joseph Gwooz, Master of the S.S. Nantucket, and several passengers spotted an oval-shaped UFO, which first hovered over Nantucket Island then sped away. The Nantucket Steamship Authority vessel was moving out of the harbour when the sighting occurred. Mr Gwooz, who had never before seen a UFO, quoted from the ship's log:-

"Time 02:55 p.m. EDST. Entrance Nantucket Channel. While outbound from Nantucket for Martha's Vineyard, Woods Hole and New Bedford sighted unknown object hovering in the sky, estimated height 8,000 to 10,000 feet at an angle of about 160 degrees. Object remained stationary for a minute or more then shot up and away to the N.E. and disappeared out of sight at a rapid rate of speed. Colour of object greyish. Oval shape."

Greensborough, Victoria - August 27, 1967 *Australian Flying Saucer Review* (Victorian U.F.O. Research Society). A university laboratory assistant, Stephen Modridge recently described to VUFORS investigators his sighting of a UFO which manoeuvred in the Greensborough tip area at about 12:45 a.m. At the time of the sighting Mr Modridge was accompanied by a friend and was later joined by five other persons. His report is as follows:-

"My friend and I were driving in my car and we had parked for a few moments to listen to the radio. I had just looked out the car window and saw this arrangement of lights partly obscured through some trees. Since we could not define exactly what they were we drove around the corner to get a better look. This object would have been about a mile in front of us, and 200 feet above some houses. It had a red circular light in the middle and tapered off to each side to what appeared to be a panel of white lights. We observed this for about 15 seconds. After this the white lights went out and the red one rose to a couple of thousand feet quite rapidly and backed off and took up a position over the Dandenongs."

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Selected extracts from Filer's Files #08 - 2005 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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Sightings Increase After Holidays

Arizona - Bright Coloured Lights; California - Triangle And Donut; Connecticut - Blinking Lights; District of Columbia - On Webcam; Florida - Shiny Sphere; Georgia - Massive Lights; Illinois - Bright Fireballs In The Sky; New Jersey - Orbs And A Fireball; Indiana - UFO Melts Frozen Pond; Ohio - Formation of Five Disks; Pennsylvania - Triangle And Lights; Rhode Island - Multicoloured Light; Tennessee - Hovering Triangle; Texas - Video Strange Green Light; Utah - Rapidly Moving Light; Washington - Disk And Triangle; Wisconsin - UFO On Images; Australia - Many Objects In Sky; Belize - UFO Seen During A Cruise; Canada - Three Lights; Chile - Cylinder Shaped Craft; Iran - UFOs Are Likely US Drones; South Africa - Five Objects In Line; France - Triangular UFOs Seen; UK/Ireland - Three Strong Lights; UK/England - Black Triangle.

Arizona - Bright Coloured Lights

Mesa - The observer was coming home from work when he saw a bright red light in the sky on February 02, 2005, at 12:50 a.m. He kept following south on Ellsworth Highway and a bright blue light appeared right next to it going the same direction.

He pulled over to the side of the road and noticed the blue light disappeared and then another red light appeared in front of the

other red light. He states, "In my personal opinion I witnessed one of the triangle UFOs. I didn't see the shape of the craft but these lights were moving slowly and didn't resemble any type of plane or helicopter."

"At 01:05 a.m., the two red lights continued southeast. I felt this was not a normal airliner or helicopter cruising through the night sky. They were way too bright and moving much slower than a normal plane. **They looked like police lights in the sky!**"

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

California - Triangle And Donut

Los Angeles - The witness reports, "I was driving with my son, who is 12 years old in North Hollywood about 05:00 p.m. on January 29, 2005, when my child said, "Mom, look up, UFO!"

"When I looked up, I saw an object moving in the sky straight above us that was the size of a helicopter and the same height, but it was a strange shape. It was round with a hole in the middle like a donut, or disk with a hole. It was black and you could see sky through the hole. It looked like nothing else I ever seen before."

I parked my car so we could see better. It was flying from North Hollywood towards West Hollywood. The movement was un-

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usual, just like it was spinning or wobbling. The edges were going slightly up and down, like it was manoeuvring in the air with its own body and you could see it clearly.

We watched for four minutes until it became a black dot."

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Berkeley - I was in the shower and I looked out the window on February 02, 2005, at 07:30 a.m., and saw an orange oval that was fairly high in the sky. Once I saw it, it just hovered over a park and a few seconds later it started to fly off extremely fast.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Penn Valley - At 06:15 p.m. the power went out at the observer's house that is located in the foothills around a lake. About 07:00 p.m., he went outside and the wind was gusting to 60+ mph when he saw an almost rectangular extremely large craft. It was slightly narrower in the front. It was about half a football field or 150 feet long.

A small box (6"x6") at arm's length wouldn't have covered the entire craft. It had four circular dim amber/yellow lights on each corner of the craft that appeared to emit some sort of haze that had an amber colour.

It moved very slowly. Taking several seconds to come into complete view as it passed directly over my house. One look at it and I knew it wasn't normal. There were no wings, no blinking aircraft lights, and it was absolutely quiet.

I ran inside and got my girlfriend who became really frightened nearly in tears saying, "oh my God oh my God, what is that thing?" The winds were very intense. The craft continued on its easterly course until it passed over the horizon.

The bottom wasn't completely flat and had several ridges running from front to back. About five minutes later, to the northeast, a very large dome shaped, deep blue flash went off. The flash was very odd. It appeared to explode then implode. The explosion expanded in a dome fashion and lit up the entire sky.

About 20 minutes later the wind was back to being **absolutely dead calm**. We are located not too far from Beale AFB. The paper said the cause of the power outage was that two - 60 kV wires hit each other causing the black-out.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Connecticut - Blinking Lights

New Hartford - I have seen a blinking light in the sky during many nights. I have pointed it out to many of my friends and they all saw it too on February 02, 2005, at 08:00 p.m. They blink rapidly red, white, and blue. Just recently I was able to see the lights very well with binoculars and was able to see it a little clearer.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

West Haven - Seven friends were playing outside when they saw a UFO on February

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07, 2005, at midnight. The disk shaped thing was red and yellow and flew really slowly like it was watching us. It then flew up, did a flip, and disappeared.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

District of Columbia - On Webcam

A webcam that sends images of the U.S. Capital area over the Web reportedly photographed a UFO at about 03:15 a.m. on February 10, 2005. The webcam is reportedly operated by the National Park Service and is located bordering the northern end of Arlington National Cemetery and faces east.

The image shows an apparently large, flat, metallic-appearing object with the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and U.S. Capitol building in the background.

A researcher with IntelDesk.com reported that he spotted the image on the webcam feed and posted the images on their site.

Thanks to mediavillage.com, Skywatch International and National Park Service.

Florida - Shiny Sphere

Tallahassee - The witness noticed a flying jet way up leaving a vapour trail at 07:30 a.m., and maybe 1,000 feet above it was a round perfect sphere, silver, and very shiny. The reason it caught my eye was because it was leaving no vapour trail at all, and it wasn't flying formation with the jet, except it would move side to side a little. Then, all of a sudden it disappeared.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Georgia - Massive Lights

Ellerslie - Carolyn Linn/Cab reports, my family drove home on February 12, 2002, when they noticed a beam of light through the trees. He states, "I pulled my truck down the road and was amazed when the beam disappeared." Still watching, it came back, but this time with flashing lights of blue, white, and red.

I turned the truck lights off and stopped. It was moving ... toward us so, we drove south onto Highway 85 to follow it, then onto County Line Road and a back road. Driving north we came to the power lines and saw a large white light just above the treetops. The white light transformed into blinking lights of red, blue, white around this **massive** piece of equipment.

This object made absolutely no sound and slowly moved right in front of us. I quickly turned the truck to keep up with it and suddenly it was gone. We notified the sheriff and local TV station but there were no other reports. It was truly amazing; there is no reasonable explanation for this sighting. It was much too large, too low, and no sound. We saw this thing up close, very close.

Thanks to Carolyn Linn/Cab

Illinios - Bright Fireballs In The Sky

Naperville - The witness stated, "I'm a 22 year old male, active sky watcher and I was admiring the strange, glittery really fine pow-

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der snow that was falling at a steady rate on January 27, 2005, at 04:15 p.m. Looking up I saw a UFO, literally in the shape of a U that was 90% invisible with a distinct outline of the craft.

It had three opaque whitish spots at the rear lights? It travelled fairly slowly and it approached the moon. The light of the moon revealed the entire craft. The clouds were a dark purple hue above the craft. It was bigger than the full moon. The glow of the moon amplified the image of the craft and actually revealed its outline further to about 80% visible.

It was about three inches from the moon and it took about 10 seconds for it to pass the moon, at which point I could no longer see it.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Newton - My children and I were on our way home, when we saw two large fireballs, that moved crisscross from each other, then disappeared on February 04, 2005, at 07:30 a.m. We pulled over at the rest area and watched the lights in the sky that seemed to dance. Another fireball appeared and we got in the car and followed towards Olney.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

New Jersey - Orbs And A Fireball

Brooklyn - The witness reports, "I'm a 16 year old high school student and I was witness to a sighting, that appeared on ABC News, on February 02, 2005, at 02:30 p.m. I looked out my window and saw what looked

like vertical lines in the greyish-blue clouds with lines that were almost gold. Then one by one more rips appeared. One was headed towards the Verazanno Bridge.

There were two orbs near the bridge and one of the "lines" went from vertical to horizontal, and became fireballs, almost like jets. The jet-trail disappeared, almost like a comet. The one by the bridge slowly moved, and the two spheres disappeared, and that one line kind of just drifted, but eventually it went out of my line of sight, due to a tree, and that was it.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Indiana - UFO Melts Frozen Pond

Columbia City - This was an evening of ice fishing I will never forget! Coming over the trees was an elongated triangular shaped "thing." It was hovering over the east end of the small farm pond I was fishing on January 31, 2005, at 10:00 p.m.

It moved over the frozen water and lowered slowly. It sat motionless without a sound for a minute or two. As it rose silently, "steam" rose from the lake. The object slipped quietly past the trees and floated out of sight (my line of sight was obscured by trees).

We used our cell phone and called the local sheriff, but there was no answer, as our cell phones had both gone dead. This was strange. Also, our battery operated fish locator (Vexilar) was also affected, we believe. The area of the pond where the object hovered was melted into about two inches.

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Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Editor's Note: Almost every year a report is received of UFOs melting ice or breaking through the ice.

Ohio - Formation of Five Disks

Adamsville - Five shiny identical objects that at first resembled airplanes with short trails were observed on February 02, 2005, at 05:40 p.m. They spread across the horizon moving very slowly towards a large purple cloud.

The objects were spotted while driving and it took a while to realise how slowly the objects were moving along Route 93 coming from Otsego towards Adamsville. The witness pulled over to take pictures, and observed five clearly visible objects along with a possible sixth.

They watched for another ten to fifteen minutes. We examined photos this evening and saw a very odd crazy looking sphere in front of the sun that we did not notice by eye. Those photos were taken approximately 25 miles north and about an hour before.

We thought it was a blemish in the photo, but examination of two photos taken at a 45 degree angle from one another show a symmetrical sphere and the reflection of it is visible in the water.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Fostoria - George Ritter sent a VHS image of a UFO over a frozen pond earlier this winter.

Pennsylvania - Triangle And Lights

Clarks Summit - On February 01, 2005, at 07:00 p.m., my daughter and I looked through the trees in our backyard and we saw bright white lights that looked like a triangle, with three distinct points. The object hovered over the trees for a second and then the three points seemed to break off and fly close together, extremely fast.

We were getting into the car anyway and decided to follow them as best we could. We noticed them only for a couple of minutes and then lost sight of them. This was the strangest thing I have ever seen - a craft that split up into three speeding craft with white lights and little or no sound.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Middletown - I was looking up, into the sky in the middle of the night, looking at the stars on February 06, 2005, at 01:08 a.m. As I looked up I saw an airplane flying from my left to the right. Just then I saw two orange lights moving in a circular motion, glide from my right to my left.

It lasted about 10 to 15 seconds. The lights were dim and then the lights faded away.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Rhode Island - Multicoloured Light

Scituate - I have seen this light in the night sky since the summer of 2004. I see this light in the southeastern sky after dark on a

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very regular basis, and saw it again on February 02, 2005, at 08:30 p.m.

The light at first glance looks like any other star but if you fixate your eye to the other stars in the area, this one twinkles more and it has motion up down and left right. The colour is like a police car light bar red/white/blue at great distance.

I do not think it is a planet, aircraft or satellite. I do see aircraft in the sky occasionally when I see this object. It would seem that the object could be off the coast over the Atlantic Ocean.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Tennessee - Hovering Triangle

Morristown - MUFON reports, a tractor-trailer driver called to report that he was driving north on Interstate 81 at approximately 21:00 hours on January 26, 2005, when he saw three bright reddish lights ahead of him in the sky.

He drove for several minutes noting that the object appeared to be hovering as it drew closer. He arrived at a point where he could safely pull off the interstate and did so, exited his truck and watched the strange object.

He described the object as a dark triangular object, backlit by the bright nearly full moon with three large reddish orange lights affixed to each point. The object was hovering at some 45 degrees to his position and was the relative size of a golf ball at arm's length.

He described the object as slowly rotating but making no other discernible movements. Af-

ter several more minutes, the object simply disappeared. The witness is an Air Force veteran, therefore a trained witness and quite adamant that this was no conventional aircraft.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Texas - Video Strange Green Light

Kaufman County - The observer took a video of green dancing lights on February 10, 2005, at about 07:30 p.m.

He states, "I was looking straight up when I saw this light moving due north and jumped out of my truck, turned the camcorder on but could see nothing, and thought the thing was broken. When I figured the dust caps were still on. I took them off and started taping.

"As I zoomed in on it, I saw it was green, first one of these I've seen. The clouds were still coming in from the west, but it was still kind of clear in that part of the sky. Lots of green things have been here lately. I am glad I got this one."

Brilliant Green Light Filmed - Footage 1.45 mbs
<http://www.hbccufo.org/videos/GreenGlowingLight2005.wmv>

Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research www.hbccufo.com.

Utah - Rapidly Moving Light

Riverdale - Not much to describe. I was outside, getting ready to take a drive up to the mountains, when I happened to look up,

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just in time to watch a light briefly streak across the sky on February 04, 2005, at 07:54 a.m.

At first I thought that it may have been a meteor, but then I realised that it didn't have a trail behind it. Usually, this is the case. But, there was no trail, or anything else! The light was moving WNW to SSE at about 40 degrees above the horizon.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Washington - Disk And Triangle

Issaquah - As I was driving north on February 07, 2005, at 06:00 p.m., I saw four craft with red and white lights hovering over Lake Sammamish. For a long time they did not move at all. I thought they must be helicopters but I have never seen helicopters with lights like that.

There were about three red lights in a row and a white light that flashed. I cannot account for them other than to think they were UFOs.

Yelm - My boyfriend Nathan and I were driving on Yelm Highway about 07:00 p.m., on January 30, 2005, and the road is surrounded by forest, one side of the road being part of Fort Lewis, when all of a sudden we saw this aircraft hovering above the trees right beside the highway.

The aircraft was triangular and had two square lights at the bottom and there was no cockpit in sight. It was thick and it had a light at every corner. We were driving by it slowly but another car was following too

close and we almost got in an accident. We managed to recover and just drive away.

The oddest thing was that it hovered and there was no sound.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
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Wisconsin - UFO On Images

Green Bay - The observer was out taking a few sunset photos and noticed a bright spot within several photos.

I looked down at the screen of my camera to make sure I was getting the image, when I looked up, the object was gone. This all took about ten to fifteen seconds.

Thanks to David and Skywatch International.

Australia - Many Objects In Sky

Atherton Tablelands - Brian Vike reports on February 12, 2004, that an Australian gentleman wrote that he and his partner have been witnessing and filming numerous objects in the night skies. Some are orbs, saucers, triangular craft and unusual lights. He has taken a stack of photos and a great deal of footage and I will be reporting on what the fellow sends along to me.

The Atherton Tablelands in North Queensland are 3,500 feet above sea level, tropical, with sunny days and clear nights. They are up the road from Tully, a well known hotspot for UFO sightings.

Thanks to Brian Vike and see the video at:
<http://www.hbccufo.org/videos/25novufo.aspx>

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Belize - UFO Seen During A Cruise

Caribbean - On January 25, 2005, about ten at night the observers noticed bright lights that were very strange, above their ship on a cruise. While sitting out on our balcony I noticed an intense light flashing red green and white.

I thought it was an airplane, but the light never got any closer or further away. We noticed that the lights were extremely bright. As we kept watching it started darting around very rapidly, and then returned to the same spot.

My partner went to bed and I kept watching it. It seemed to be shooting or launching something from itself. There would be a streak of light shoot into space. I have short film footage of the object.

Canada - Three Lights

Oshawa, Ontario - Agnes Sroczynski reports "Between 03:00 and 05:00 a.m., a large vertical row of three lights was observed on February 13, 2005, flying quickly over, and then hovering for a few minutes before going into the clouds." The object had a large vertical row of three lights. The bottom light was brightest and whitest, very large and flashing rapidly and somewhat erratically.

The middle light was closer to bottom light, about a fourth its size, dimmer, and not flashing. The top light was a third the size of the bottom light, dimmer still, dark red, and flashing slowly and steadily. There was no sound.

The object glided across the sky quickly in one direction, changed direction a few times, and then hovered for a few minutes before going into the clouds. In the clouds, which were misty, wispy and transparent, it had a disc-shaped halo, lighting up the mist enough to see the droplets in the air, and was much larger than any commercial aircraft. It disappeared for a few minutes, flashed the red light again once, and was gone.

About an hour later it reappeared much lower in the sky, drifting downwards, and disappearing over Lake Ontario. My friend and I were driving west on Regional Road 22. The lights also moved from being lined up vertically to horizontally a few times, and the largest light dipped well below the others, even when the others were lined up horizontally.

My friend noticed that the radio was distorted for a few minutes as the lights drifted over the lake, and the intersection we were at was stuck at an all-way stop except for one pedestrian light that was stuck on go, [I didn't associate this with the object, but my friend did] until the object disappeared [maybe four minutes].

We both felt a distinct "tingling" and "hair-raising" sensation at our chest and crown, too! The object was moving west, then changing direction, then hovering, then down straight over or into the lake.

Thanks to Agnes Sroczynski.

Chile - Cylinder Shaped Craft

Nogales - I saw a cylinder shaped object crossing the sky when I was swimming in my pool. It was flying really fast and it left a trail behind.

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Iran - UFOs Are Likely US Drones

Apparently the US has been flying unmanned drones over Iran to look for evidence of nuclear weapons programs and to probe air defences according the Washington Post. Iranian officials say Iran has decided not to engage the pilotless aircraft rather than tip off its air defence capabilities.

Iranians who live along the Caspian Sea and on the Iraq border have reported sightings of red flashes in the sky, streaks of green and blue and low flying lights.

South Africa - Five Objects In Line

Johannesburg - Multiple witnesses report seeing five bright white lights in a straight line moving very slowly from west to east at 09:07 p.m. Photos were taken with a Nokia 5140 cell phone but the clearest one was a corrupt picture or format.

At the same time my nephew and his girlfriend phoned me and told me that they were seeing these amazing five bright "green" lights and that people were actually pulling of the road looking and trying to take photos.

I told him to try to video record as well from his phone "6600" and bring it to me as I cannot open my photos. He assured me they were green and he was taking as much as he could. I took three pictures in which you can see lights, but there were only four lights in the pictures.

France - Triangular UFOs Seen

Paris - On February 09, 2005, a huge triangular object was observed by French observer Mathieu Cozant at 09:50 p.m., moving

slowly through the night sky at almost rooftop altitude.

The witness was in a small public park at the corner of Rue d'Alesia and Rue Vercingetorix in the 1st Arrondissement when he looked up to see a huge triangular craft, just visible against the night sky, disappearing over the roofs of buildings.

Mr. Cozant's made a drawing of what he witnessed. To read Mr. Cozant's description of the recent Paris sighting and see his recreations, go to www.unknowncountry.com.

UK/Ireland - Three Strong Lights

Cashel - My friends are in a band and we were driving back from a gig and stopped the van just before 06:00 a.m., north of the town of Cashel near Thurles, on February 05, 2005.

They looked up to see three large bright lights, too bright and low to be stars. The lights were independent and lined up on top of each other with the top light slightly off to one side. Suddenly, fighter planes began approaching the lights from three different directions and at this point the middle light began to flash very quickly on/off.

All three lights simply faded out by the time the planes had reached the point in the sky where they were located.

UK/England - Black Triangle

Nottingham - On February 02, 2005, at 11:40 a.m., the observer was outside having a cigarette and looked up to see a triangular black object move across the sky very fast and I couldn't stop staring, then, it went vertically upwards and vanished.

What Happened To That Hour?

By James Owen

VUFORS Regional Representative For North Eastern Victoria

Continuation of the investigation into the Missing Time of Mrs J and her niece.

The first part of this missing time report was produced on the 30th of September, 2003. There has been a long break since the most recent part of this on-going report.

The situation has been resolved and contact has been re-established with the elder of the two witnesses. Before I continue with the report, I would like to summarise the events leading up to this particular time in the case.

Two women who had reason to visit Maryborough were returning home to Wangaratta via Bendigo where they stopped to visit relatives. Overstaying their visit they left at around midnight, travelled to Murchison, and had an uneventful trip.

Arriving at Murchison, they stopped at the public toilets. It was there that, when about to leave the toilet block, both women had a strange feeling that all was not right. Quickly, they got into the car and locked all of the car doors.

Leaving Murchison, they travelled towards Violet Town. This is where the report takes a turn from normality to the unexplained. It was reported that the women passed under an old brick bridge, and saw a sign to Violet Town, but no bridge appears to exists as described.

Both then suffered extreme pressure to their sinus regions, and they noticed that the road

was straight and flat. The driver then checked the time according to the car clock.

The next event was the occurrence of a very bright white rectangular light with five silhouettes within the light. This light only lasted for a couple of seconds, and they next recall travelling up a steep hill on a very windy road.

While they thought that only a couple of seconds had elapsed, the car clock indicated the passing of an hour.

Our inquiries revealed that the road they arrived on was situated in the Strathbogie Ranges on the opposite side of Violet Town, many kilometres from the location of their previous recollection.

Since the previous report, further information has become available. During the interviews, it was mentioned that the elder of the women, Mrs J, had noticed a large mark on her stomach after the incident, this was painful to touch and was shown to other friends.

As time passed, the sore region progressively shrank until it appeared somewhat like a mole. Both my wife and I have observed this shrinking mark.

Mrs J stated that the mark was not present before the incident. Also, since the incident,

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she has been having flashes of a brilliant white room.

She stated that she couldn't recall any shapes similar to humans, or what she had previously seen, but does recall an object floating towards her. She described it as a very big and long needle. This needle appeared to have no visible or external supports.

As the object got closer she lost sight of it but felt pain in the area where the mark was situated on her stomach. It was stated that at this point, she was not in fear.



The big long needle with no visible supports seen in the white room

The other witness, the younger woman, has been elusive and does not wish to discuss the incident. She has stated that she just wishes to put it out of her mind as it upsets her to think about it.

Mrs J is still interested and enthusiastic about

Mrs J cannot recall anything after seeing the above object drifting towards her, and feeling the pain. This episode cannot be put into a relative time frame, meaning that Mrs J is unable to say whether the room occurred before or during seeing the white light with the silhouettes.

Mrs J has recently decided to travel the route at the same time, hoping to jolt her memory and discover what may have occurred. She stated that she is extremely apprehensive and that the younger woman will not travel with her. She intends to travel the road with her partner.

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Hamilton, Vic.

27th February 2005, 08:23 p.m.

The reporting observer and one other happened to look up into the clear southwestern sky where they saw, at an elevation of about 45 degrees, what appeared to be a small white flame coming from the rear of a distant object.

It was not possible to resolve the shape or colour of the object, which was travelling very rapidly toward the northeastern sky, where it was lost from view after a few seconds. No vapour trail was discernible, no engine sound was heard, and no navigation lights were seen.

Airport West, Vic.

27th January 2005, 12:00 a.m. Midnight

The reporting observer and her husband were surprised by the sudden appearance of a very bright gold light nearby that progressively changed colour to bright orange, and then to

bright red. It also commenced moving rapidly up-and-down, side-to-side, and then hovered in the sky where it exhibited a noticeable wobble.

At about 12:10 a.m., the object sped into nearby cloud where it could no longer be seen. Shortly after, it or another just like it appeared from the opposite direction. The observers were standing in their backyard when the now golden light moved slowly over their rooftop.

This gave them an opportunity to see more detail. It appeared to be a disk shaped object with golden light emanating from its base, and the entire object appeared to be bathed in a swirling vapour, or steam. Suddenly, the object reversed direction and within a split-second was hovering above them.

It started spitting what looked like sparks of light from its base as though it was dropping something. All of a sudden, a second object appeared beside the first, and while the second remained stationary, the first began to move very erratically in very shaky, unstable, figures of eight.

While all of this activity was occurring, planes were flying past, as the observers live near an airport. As soon as a plane neared one of the objects, the object would disappear from sight, and then reappear as soon as the plane had passed. The observers believe that the pilots should have seen the objects and their lights before they vanished from sight.

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The planes were very noisy, in contrast with the objects, which produced no discernible sound, even while at their closest. This whole episode lasted until about 01:00 a.m. when the objects disappeared for an extended period. At about 02:15 a.m., the objects reappeared for a short time and then vanished.

They phoned Television Channel 7 about this situation but were informed that they should video events like this. Unfortunately, they did not have a video camera.

In the evening at about 10:00 p.m., the reporting observer, her husband, and two others saw the two very bright objects much further away than previously. One of the objects was a bright red colour, and the other was bright gold.

The observers took several pictures of the distant objects on a mobile phone camera, and then proceeded to follow one of the objects by car as it headed toward Tullamarine. All of a sudden, the object accelerated rapidly, covering a considerable distance in a few seconds.

Moments later, the object vanished from sight, apparently reappearing on the opposite side of the sky from where it was last seen. Then it vanished again, for the last time.

These craft were definitely something that they were not familiar with, as they know of no craft capable of silently moving so quickly, oscillating up-and-down or side-to-side so rapidly, or disappearing from sight so unexpectedly. Also, the coloured lights were the brightest they have ever seen, brighter than the sun.

Of the photographs taken with the mobile phone camera, one was fairly clear enabling one to just make out the shape of a disk and the associated bright light. They would really like to know whether these craft were a new type of aircraft that they have not seen before, or real UFOs.

Cape Paterson, Vic. 11th January 2005, Sunset

After having taken quite a number of digital photographs during a hot and windy, but quite spectacular sunset, from the beach at Under-tow Bay, Cape Paterson, the reporting observer and her husband returned to their home to look at the photos on their television set.

While neither of them had seen any unusual objects in the sky while taking the photographs, they had two photos, each showing an unusual object that appeared like a classic comic-strip UFO, approaching them from the west, and one of an object, which appears as a circle of white lights, departing to the west.

Murray River, Vic. 03rd January 2005, 03:30 a.m.

While camped on a bank of the Murray River, about 20 kilometres east of Deniliquin, a small number of ladies encountered a strange flying object early on this particular Monday morning. A male friend of at least two of the ladies, who was not an observer of the event, was asked to be an intermediary between them and VUFORS.

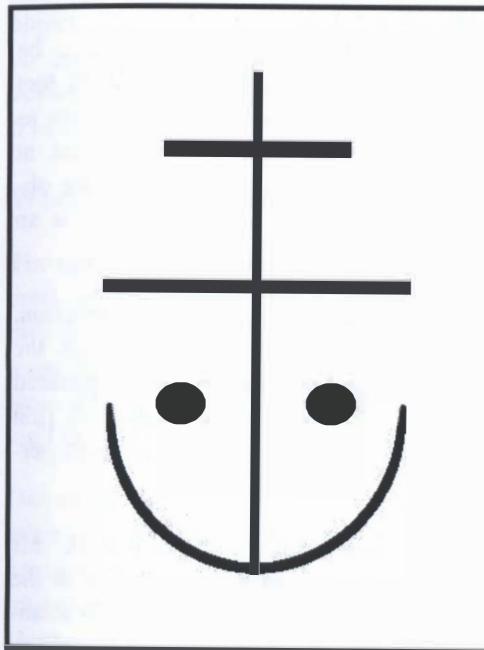
He reports that a close friend of his felt quite ill and drained from the experience. She is quite a rationalist, and until this difficult un-

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nerving experience, was a sceptic regarding UFOs. Especially because of having seen physical evidence, he does genuinely believe that this event occurred.

This first lady, who discussed the matter with him, reported that she and some companions saw lights descend into their campsite. They saw a large bright light with wind rushing around it, move overhead and hover over a clearing near their campsite on a bank of the Murray River.

They also noticed that an unusual symbol was displayed on the underside of the hovering object.



Symbol on underside of object

A second friend, who also spoke with him, was asleep in her tent and awoke with a start,

feeling like there was something unfriendly in her mind. She described it as just feeling "wrong", and that it had a "horrible crawling sensation of otherness."

She also said that it seemed puzzled by emotions and wanted "to draw her in mentally". This made her feel utterly drained and desperately tired. Both of the ladies said that they clung to each other in fear, and tried to block things out of their minds. The lights left soon after, leaving them totally drained, exhausted, and somewhat ill.

Earlier, he reported having seen physical evidence of the event. The second lady has a burn scar in the shape of an elongated handprint on her leg, which she photographed on Tuesday, but at the time of his report, the photographs had not been processed. He confirms that he has seen the scar and can verify its existence.

For both of the ladies, the most distressing thing about this experience was a sense of deep violation of their minds, a sensation of absolute otherness, and a sense of incomprehension of their feelings and emotions. It was described as extremely invasive, cold and akin to a mental rape. They were also left with the terrifying feeling that the things wanted to see them again.

They each felt like a "specimen in a jar" and were not sure they'd make it through a second encounter. The symbol was also making them feel very uneasy, and they were unable to leave it drawn for long without scribbling it out, only draw it again with broken lines.

He visited them on Thursday and they were moving around and functioning but were still

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very pale, drained, extremely tired and still unable to concentrate on anything in any detail. He is puzzled by the symbol, and he is trying to find out more about it as he feels that "it rings a bell" but he can't quite place it as yet.

Mt Stuart, Tas.

10th December 2004, 03:40 p.m.

While in his backyard, at about 03:40 p.m., on a clear afternoon, with light haze on the horizon, a few small cumulus clouds in the sky, and a light breeze, the reporting observer noticed what appeared to be a white teardrop shaped object in the south-southeastern sky (from Mt Stuart looking over Mt Nelson).

It appeared to be stationary, and was about one twentieth the size of the moon, with an elevation of no more than 10 degrees above the horizon. Then it flew silently a few arc seconds to the west, veering or banking while changing to appear like a flattened disc.

Moments later, it disappeared from sight, and after two or three seconds, reappeared and flew a few arc seconds east, before disappearing for the last time, after thirty seconds. This object seemed to disappear and reappear instantaneously, in an unspectacular fashion.

Mitcham, Vic.

05th December 2004, 10:30 a.m.

While walking in the main street of the Mitcham shopping centre, the reporting observer and five others noticed two distant round

white lights, each about the size of a one cent coin at arm's length, standing stationary in the lightly clouded sky.

After twenty minutes of observing the lights, they suddenly disappeared from sight.

Templestowe, Vic.

November 1943, 09:00 p.m.

Some sixty-one years ago, while walking from Heidelberg to Templestowe, on a dark, cloudy, moonless night, the reporting observer and another were surprised when they heard a loud roaring noise coming from the west, and the whole area suddenly lit-up.

A black cylindrical object, estimated to be about 6 feet in diameter, and about 20 feet long, was issuing a very long bluish flame as it headed from the west, toward the east, at very high speed. It is estimated that the object was travelling in horizontal flight at an altitude of about 1000 feet.

Almost instantaneously, it changed direction, climbed vertically, and passed through the high clouds, lighting them as it disappeared from view, after 30 to 40 seconds from first being sighted. A strong chemical smell persisted.

Having occurred during World War II, this event was reported to the guardhouse at the Army Wireless Receiving Station in Warrandyte (Park Orchards), where we were told to forget what we had seen. The response to a letter written to the Melbourne Weather Office was, "possibly a shooting star." Nothing appeared in the newspapers.

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Colin Norris

Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research Inc.

North Adelaide, 11/12/04 09:38 p.m.

Woodcroft, 04/12/04 11:00 p.m.

A mother and son observed two orange and amber circular objects race across the sky in a zigzag fashion from the north-northeast, to the south-southwest, disappearing from view after four seconds.

The objects were of different relative sizes, one being the apparent size of a star in comparison with the much larger golf ball sized object. The son also reported that the object on the right, when facing south-southwest, deviated at times toward the other object "as if in a game".

Woodcroft, 10/12/04 10:15 p.m.

The same two observers in the earlier Woodcroft sighting appearing below, report that they saw three lights travelling in a large or loose triangular formation, from the southwest, directly overhead toward the northeast, until the lights disappeared from view.

One of the lights was much brighter than the other two, and the trailing less bright light appeared to be following a slightly different trajectory to those of the other two lights. During this sighting, one of the observers managed to contact their father at St Mary's by mobile phone, and their father was also able to see the moving triangular formation of lights.

Two observers report that they saw three lights travelling in a relatively tight triangular formation, moving at uniform speed from the southeast, heading in a northeasterly direction. Their initial thought was that these lights might be in earth orbit, but this appeared to be unlikely as it was felt that the trajectory precluded this option.

Parkside, 19/10/04 12:15 p.m.

The father of the reporting observer drew his son's attention to an unusual cloud that appeared in the sky on this particularly clear day. He reports that he collected his binoculars and focused them on the cloud. To his surprise, while looking at the cloud, he observed a ball shaped object, about the size of a basketball, zigzag out of the cloud.

The upper half of the object appeared to be a bronze colour, and the lower half was red. The object, which was moving very rapidly, was first sighted in the northwestern sky at great altitude. Later, the unusual cloud was visible in the northeastern sky, and was much closer to the observers. The bronze and red object was nowhere to be seen.

After 20 minutes, neither the unusual cloud nor the bronze and red ball could be located in the sky.

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York WA, 19/10/04 02:05 a.m.

The observer reports that in the early hours of the morning, he was awakened with the feeling that he was being watched. As he got out of bed and checked the time on his mobile phone, he heard a buzzing noise.

He decided to go out the back for a smoke, and collected his camera from a nearby table with the intention of taking a snap or two. He took the snaps, and when they were developed, discovered that, in addition to a shot of the veranda ceiling, he also had one with an unexpected flying object in it.

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P.O. Box 174, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004, Australia

2004. August. 02:30 a.m.

Scottsdale.

Mrs L of Scottsdale is often up during the early hours due to health problems. She makes herself a hot drink and goes out on the porch to view the night sky. On this occasion it was a clear starry night when she noticed something bright in the northern sky.

The light gradually approached over the period of a few minutes until it resolved into a silent silver oval, about half-moon sized, apparent. There was a band of light, with lights in it, around the object's centre.

The object passed almost overhead and was then obscured by the corner of her house. She hurried around the corner in time to see the object still heading south. Then after a second or two it slowed right down, then changed course and disappeared into the northwest sky at increased speed. In fact it travelled so fast it was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

2002. Winter. 08:30 p.m.

Scamander.

Mr H, retired, of Scamander had developed the habit over the years of going out for a breath of fresh air. However, this time he saw something hard to explain.

High in the sky, in fact almost overhead, was a bright group of lights. The lights seemed to be contained in a rectangular to diamond shape. He watched for a good two minutes but could not detect any sound or movement.

He was then surprised to see the lights being turned off, apparently one row at a time. Every two seconds another row of lights would go out, the nearest row being the first to go out.

He felt that the 'thing' was being operated by an intelligent source. It was a dark moonless night so he could not discern any shape during the 2 minute sighting.

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31/12/04 Tamborine

Friday 10:00 p.m.

A family was outside having a BBQ when they looked north to see an object bouncing up and down in the sky. At one stage it seemed to have a tail like a trail of light. It was described as bouncing like a ball on a string and when it bounced it was almost crystal-like.

They watched it for an hour during which time one of them looked at it through a pair of binoculars and could see it shining red, green and blue. Eventually they stopped looking at it and went inside.

24/12/04 Carina North,

Friday 11:05 a.m.

I was sitting on my front stairs at Carina North, facing west, waiting for the Meals on Wheels car to arrive. It was 11:00 a.m., and an F111 jet came in low from the southwest, travelling towards the Brisbane Airport.

At about 11:05 a.m., over the west, there appeared a thin vertical column of slivers of white smoke, streaming upwards over where I judged the suburb of Clayfield to be. I gauged the height of the column to be less than 25,000 feet. It came down slowly in a near quarter circle clockwise arc, and at the same time came closer to me.

After a few seconds I observed there was a mid-blue, ball-shaped object at the bottom of the column, streaming white slivers of some-

thing thicker than smoke, with intermittent spurts of blue and yellow colour in its exhaust.

A cloud, almost the shape of a duck, at about 10,000 feet high, was travelling from the northeast, and the blue object met with the leading edge of the cloud and seemed to go into the cloud completely.

All that took at least five minutes, and then at 11:15 a.m. the Meals on Wheels car arrived, but there was no UFO to show them. It did not reappear from the cloud.

28/11/04 Innisfail,

Sunday 08:11 p.m.

I live in far North Queensland, in a town called Innisfail, about 100 km south of Cairns. Around 08:00 p.m. the moon had just risen and looked absolutely lovely. I had a camera on hand so I took three pictures of it, not more than a couple of seconds apart.

I didn't see anything at all, except the moon, and it wasn't until I downloaded the images to my computer moments later that I saw what I'd photographed. In two of the pictures (not included) the moon is clear; there is nothing around to be seen.

The other picture, which was taken first, has something near the moon, and the moon is blurry as if the camera had focussed on the other object rather than the moon. After this I went outside with my binoculars, and couldn't see anything like what I'd photographed.

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More on the object: it was round and looks to have had a ring around it. And no, it wasn't Saturn, though it looks how Saturn looks through a telescope, but much larger than Saturn appears even through a telescope. The object is quite clear in the picture. It was taken on a Canon Ixus 4 mp Camera.

28/11/04 Gold Coast, Sunday 02:30 a.m.

I was driving home at 02:30 a.m. from Brisbane when I noticed a large, very bright oval-shaped light to the east. I first thought it was a low flying plane or helicopter, but it had no flashing lights and just seemed to hover in the one position.

As I kept monitoring its presence, I noticed another smaller light heading towards it. It was white with flashing red, and could possibly have been a small plane. Heading north, it seemed to circle around the white light, then head south.

15/11/04 Gold Coast Hinterland, Monday 05:30 p.m.

Facing south over the hinterland I saw a long white streak that represented what most people would recognise as a comet, which seemed to be moving south-southwest quite quickly. It also seemed too long to be an aircraft.

I noticed it in the sky for about 45 minutes before it disappeared from sight, or at least from sight from my location. Several people had pulled their cars over on the road to observe the object, and people were also out on their lawns looking up.

13/11/04 Hinze Dam, Gold Coast, Saturday 10:24 a.m.

A man, his wife, and a friend were outside when the friend saw an object in the sky. He drew the couple's attention to what initially appeared to be a ball in the sky. As it came towards them, they could see a metallic disk about 25 to 35 feet across and about 1000 to 2000 feet high.

Apparent balls were seen underneath the object and there was a definite top to the disk. It also had regular dark patches evenly distributed beneath it as well as another ring. They were looking to the west and the object was moving quickly and erratically around in the sky.

Eventually the disk disappeared behind some hills. The husband is a fraud investigator, so consequently he had his video camera nearby, and he managed to catch four and half minutes of it on video tape.

He has shown the footage to Channel 9 and the caller told me they were quite impressed with the footage. The caller said he had caught very good shots of the object as well as capturing good reference points in the film, such as his house, power lines and trees.

He also stated that a halo could clearly be seen around the disk. He does not have the facilities to make a copy of the footage but has given us permission to come to his home and view it. Stay tuned for further reports.

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11/11/04 Toowoomba, Thursday 09:00 p.m.

I went outside to cool off and looked towards the sky, as I normally do when sitting outside, and I saw two objects in the sky, white ball-shapes, both about the size of Mars. At first I thought "Oh it's two planes flying side by side ... but no ... no navigation lights ..." and then I thought "Two satellites, tracking close together" - but no.

As they were ... well it seemed liked playing with one another, like two balls in the sky. Flying around each other and doing circles etc., like two swallows playing together. I was going to call out to my daughter to have a look at these things but thought I better not.

They played with one another for a while, about 15 or 20 minutes, and then shot off at great speed. They stayed in approximately the same area of the sky for the entire sighting.

03/11/04 Darling Downs, Wednesday 08:15 p.m.

A young woman was standing in her front yard looking south-southeast and observed three bright orange circular lights in the sky, each the size of her thumbnail at arms length (she had short nails).

The objects formed a triangle shape and were half their own diameter apart. They would dim then completely disappear, reappearing five to ten minutes later in a different spot, approximately three pen-lengths from their original position.

Both she and her father observed the objects from 08:15 p.m. to 08:45 p.m., before going

inside. Her friend who lives on the other side of town observed the same objects while looking in a northerly direction.

The caller's father also saw something unusual when he was younger but she did not have the details.

28/10/04 Ipswich, Thursday 02:25 a.m.

This morning at 02:25 a.m., I looked out of a window to see if I could see the moon. It was clouded over, but I did see (through an opening in the tree branches) a beautiful red light that flashed on and off in one area but either moving from side-to-side, up-and-down, or there were four of the lights.

I was looking out of a back bedroom window, which faces southwest and I kept looking for 10 minutes and it continued. They were still there in the same place(s) at 02:50 a.m. and 03:30 a.m. I then went back to bed. When I got out of bed at 07:00 a.m., they had disappeared.

14/10/04 Sunshine Coast, Thursday Night

I was just wondering if anyone has reported seeing a UFO on the Sunshine Coast. For the past 5 nights my boyfriend and I have seen really unusual bright lights making no noise and staying in the one spot for over 10 minutes or more.

18/09/04 Fisherman Island, Saturday 06:00 a.m.

A man observed an object that looked like a meteorite in the sky, travelling southeast. It

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was high up, moving silently across the sky, and had what appeared to be very hot sparks emitting from behind it. He looked back ten minutes later and observed it had moved slightly from its original location. The object was estimated to be three quarters the relative size of a streetlight.

18/09/04 Wynnum, Saturday Early Morning

I had an interesting experience on Saturday morning 18th September and was wondering if you could give me your thoughts on what I saw.

I went for an early morning walk at the Wynnum waterfront and sat and watched the sunrise. Just as it had come over the horizon, I saw a white light in the sky above it. My initial thought was that it was a shooting star, but it did seem too bright for that.

I then thought maybe it was a sky-writer, as it had by then developed a tail. This did not ring true either as the tail seemed to follow the 'head' as it moved across the sky. It moved only at a moderate speed and the head seemed to have a darkened centre.

I was not at all frightened by this and in fact felt blessed to witness it. After a few moments of watching, I noticed that it had stopped moving and was just sitting in the sky. The tail began to catch up to the head and it eventually became a white ball in the sky.

I then noticed a second light coming across the sky. This one appeared to move faster

and had a longer tail and a slightly smaller head. It moved over the sun and followed the horizon for quite some time. The first light eventually just disappeared and the second continued on around the point, where I could no longer see it.

1994 Springwood, Sunday 09:00 a.m.

It was a clear sunny morning with a blue cloudless sky. I think it may have been a Sunday. It was definitely a weekend. I was in my garage, and my wife was getting into our car to reverse out.

I went outside to direct her onto the road and as I turned around to face her I caught a glimpse of something in the sky. I realised this object was unusual, and its flight path was towards me.

I looked at it for a few seconds and determined that it resembled a cylinder, though slightly irregular on its end face. It was more oval than round. It appeared to be like a bale of straw, which was on fire. The 'straw' glowing red to yellow to red then black, like straw does. I did not hear a sound.

I called to my wife, who had started the car but hadn't actually started to move. Running towards her excitedly I said, "Stop! You have to see this. Where is the camera? Quickly before it goes!"

She said hurriedly that she didn't know where the camera was, got out of the car, and ran out of the garage onto the drive. I pointed up, and to the south. It was still coming towards us,

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no sound, and still burning without smoke or flames. I saw no vapour trail, but it looked too low for that anyway.

It moved like a hot air balloon, but its path was direct, not wavering or dependent on the wind. It was travelling fairly quickly, but not supersonic. It appeared to me to be about a few hundred feet off the ground, but since there was nothing in the sky to compare it with, I don't really know.

It passed overhead, and we turned around to see it disappear over the treetops of the houses and parks towards the north. Its speed never varied. I said to my wife, "I didn't hear anything, did you?" She said she heard a faint whining noise or a swoosh, but I heard nothing.

She described the same thing as I saw, burning straw bale, cylindrical, not uniform shape, definitely on a set course. We were convinced that other people would have seen it, since we were in the suburbs with hundreds of households, but heard no reports on the radio, or the papers.

I can say thank goodness my wife saw it too, else I would have thought I was seeing things! If you asked me to 'guesstimate' its size, I would have said between 10 and 20 metres diameter on the end, and perhaps 30 metres long, but it could have been a lot bigger.

Oh yes, one last thing, I don't recall seeing a shadow, but the sun was in the east, so any shadow it cast wouldn't have fallen on us anyway. Pity since it may have given me some realistic idea of its height and size.

It was travelling from the southwest to the northwest and could have been anything from 30 to 200 metres altitude.

1980 Redcliffe, 02:00 a.m.

This email is about 20 years too late but I never told anyone because I thought people would think we were nuts.

It was 1980, 24 years ago - my husband and I were travelling in the early hours of the morning, between Redcliffe, south on the Bruce highway, towards Kedron, where he was doing shift work, at about 02:00 a.m., in the Bald Hills area of the highway.

Needless to say it was perfectly still at that hour when suddenly a blindingly bright light appeared over the top of our car and travelled exactly at the same speed we were.

There was no sound accompanying the light, not a hum nothing - nor notice of it approaching our car - it just suddenly appeared over the top of our car almost as if someone switched on a gigantic torch over it. It also appeared to be perfectly round on the ground around us.

I was terrified and we couldn't speak. It stayed with us for several minutes then disappeared as quickly as it had come. I did phone the Bureau of Meteorology and they gave me some story about it perhaps being the reflection of a storm!

Okay - we realised we would look like idiots so never spoke of it to anyone but it happened. (Ah, the power of 'authority' - Lee)

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Late 1970s Townsville, Friday Night

I would like to tell you about something that happened to my family and I back in the late 1970s. It's a tale I don't normally speak about but I decided to take a chance and tell it to you.

My parents and I had a beach house about thirty minutes drive north of Townsville in North Queensland at a place called Toomula, a small beachside community.

It was a Friday night and we were going fishing on the Saturday over at an island about thirteen or so miles off the coast called Rattlesnake, an island used for target practice at one time by the RMF, so we needed to get some bait.

We were down at the mouth of Saltwater Creek, which also gave the small settlement its more commonly used name of Saltwater Beach, and my father was casting for bait when I noticed a bright light up in the sky that was reflecting strongly in the water.

Baffled by the light, I drew it to the attention of my parents and grandfather, who was also with us. My father had a large torch with him and he used this to shine up at the light, and he flashed the torch at it several times.

To our surprise the light in the sky flashed back at us several times before taking off at a great speed, heading along the coast towards Townsville, and I still believe that I saw the search light from the Townsville Airport shine up at it, which caused it to shoot out to sea for a distance before turning back in our general direction.

It was still way out to sea when it passed behind the island I have already mentioned, proving that it was very low down in the sky. Then it started coming directly back towards us.

This light, or whatever it was, made no sound whatsoever and was obviously big, and it covered what must have been at least a hundred miles in a matter of seconds.

Coming back towards us it came to a halt further from us than it had been when we first saw it, and hovered in the sky for a short time before it started to move up and down, and then from side to side. Then, to our horror I suppose, it started coming towards us, making a zigzag pattern as it moved towards us, again making no sound.

It was at this point that my parents, grandfather and I headed for home as fast as we could. My grandfather even broke a toe on an exposed tree root as we were all more concerned by what was behind us than what was in front.

Later that night my father and grandfather saw two such lights above the hills behind Toomula, where the woman who lived next door to us said they had a base.

The lady next door had told us about these lights that passed over the settlement at about the same time every night and that they had a base up in the hills, but no one believed her, including us, until we experienced it for ourselves.

After we spoke up about it others came forward and we learnt that some people living on a hill near the beach were so scared that they wouldn't let their children or animals outside at night.

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GOOD NEWS!

**Stanton Friedman's Excellent UFO Videos Have Returned
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News From The Grampians

By Jacqui Purtell

We arrived at the Reids Lookout car park on the 28th of February 2005, at around 08:00 p.m., Monday evening, to be greeted by a beautiful warm, and very clear night, perfect for UFO viewing. And would you believe it - no wind - yippee! There was an occasional gust but it was almost non-existent.

Unfortunately there was not a lot of action regarding the UFOs, but that now seems to be the pattern these days. There were a few but they were not very luminous, and did not

show the remarkable visual effects of the past. But all was not lost as there were a couple of interesting events that were caught on tape.

Oh, by the way, the bug detector, usually used to scan for spying transmitters or bugs, was tripped off, but flashing my new spotlight produced no noticeable response from the suspect objects, so that's about it. I will give you another update after the next trip to the Grampians.



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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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